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*X-ray treatment in the General Hospital.*

*79 Q.—Dr. B. S. Mallayya: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Diwan Bahadur G. Narayanaswami Chetti was treated in the X-ray department of the General Hospital in May 1927 and for how long;

(*b*) what was the amount obtained from him for the treatment;

(*c*) whether this treatment led to blisters on the back of the patient and whether he consulted Colonel Bradfield for the purpose;

(*d*) what was the amount collected from the paying patients in the X-ray department in the years 1924 to 1927; and

(*e*) how much of it was credited to the Government each year?

*A.*—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information.
(*d*) & (*e*)—

| Year. | Amount collected. | Amount credited to Government. |
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| | RS. | RS. |
| 1924 ... ... ... ... | 13,970 | 3,589 |
| 1925 ... ... ... ... | 15,220 | 3,899 |
| 1926 ... ... ... ... | 17,035 | 4,361 |
| 1927 ... ... ... ... | 17,920 | 4,547 |

Note.—The figures include also the fees received by the staff of the Institute for X-ray work done outside the Institute.

Dr. B. S. Mallayya:—" May I know from the hon. the Minister for Public Health whether there are any registers maintained in the Medical Department showing the number of patients treated and the diseases for which they were treated?"

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar:—" Naturally there should be."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya:—" If there are such registers, then why is it impossible to trace the name of such a great man as Diwan Bahadur G. Narayanaswami Chetti in the registers?"

The hon. the President:—" The Government never said so; they say they have no information. That is all."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya:—" Then will the hon. Minister be pleased to call for the information at least for to-morrow, since Mr. Narayanaswami Chetti is on the phone."

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar:—" I am afraid the answer for this question will not serve any purpose and so I do not propose to call for it."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya:—" Is the hon. Minister aware that my statement was contradicted and that I knew personally that the Diwan Bahadur was treated in the Hospital, that he was maltreated and that he gave a cheque—I saw that myself. And now for the Government to come forward and say 'We have no information' is not fair on their part."

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The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" It is not a supplemental question."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" I ask him whether it is fair for them to deny all knowledge. When they have got the registers there maintained by the department, the information, I am sure, can be found, if the Government have a mind to call for it ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" I am afraid the hon. Member has not understood the answer given. The Government do not deny the statement of the hon. Member ; it may or may not be true. But Government do not consider it of sufficient importance to call for the information."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Do the Government consider it their duty to see that a Member of this House is being contradicted on facts ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" I do not know where the contradiction comes. If the hon. Member was willing to ask for the help of the Government, certainly it would have been given."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" I appeal to the Government again."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" This is not a subject for appeal."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" I do not know if the hon. the Minister has read a statement in the Press saying that the Diwan Bahadur was not treated while in fact he was treated ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" I am sorry I have not been able to follow all the controversies in the press on the subject."

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED :—" May I know why the Government evade calling for the information when it is there already ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" They do not evade ; they say they have no information."

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABAPATHI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know how the difference between the amount collected and the amount credited to the Government during the four years which amounts to more than Rs. 45,000 was disposed of ? May I know to whom it was paid ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" To the officers. It is stated in the answer : 'The figures include also the fees received by the staff of the Institute for X-ray work done outside the Institute'."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Is the hon. Minister aware that 90 per cent of the fees are received from hospital patients and that the total amount collected for the four years is Rs. 64,145, while the amount credited to Government is only Rs. 16,396 ? Rs. 47,749 have been pocketed by the officers. What is the justification for Government to allow them to take that amount ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" I do not admit the premises ; and so I do not think I can give an answer to that."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Does the hon. Minister know, before giving the answer, that the public have a right to know what has become of the money received in State Hospitals ? "

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The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" Whatever information the hon. Member wants, I am quite prepared to give."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" I want to know what has become of the Rs. 47,000 and odd ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" It is already stated in the answer that the members of the staff of the Institute have taken it."

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" Are these members of the staff paid by the Government ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" Yes ; they are paid for the work they do in the Institute."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Are they paid special fees for X-rays ? Do the officers in the Institute draw more pay than corresponding officers in the Medical department ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" Every officer has got his pay fixed."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" I want to know if the Government are paying to the officers of the X-ray department any special allowance in addition to the pay which they draw ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" May I tell the hon. Member for Madras that the X-ray expert of Madras is not a medical man at all."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" I am glad the hon. Minister admits it, Sir. Will he be pleased to get a medical man very soon ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" The Government think that it is not advisable to have a medical man there."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I ask if the remark in the answer is not incorrect that the officers received the fees for X-ray work done outside the Institute ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" All work is not done in the Institute. If the hon. the President will allow me, I shall give some details. There are some patients who are in-patients in the General Hospital, for whom there is no fee. Some patients are sent by other doctors, for which there is a small fee charged and there are certain cases where the officers of the Institute are allowed to take patients and charge their own fees, of which a certain percentage is being credited to the Government."

*Raising the Vellore Women's Medical School to a College.*

* 80 Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is a proposal to raise the Vellore Women's Medical School to a College ;

(*b*) what the probable initial and recurring cost will be of such a step ; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the admission to the above institution is restricted to Christians ?

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*A.*—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The estimated initial cost of the scheme is Rs. 13,25,500. The Government have no information as to the probable recurring expenditure.

(*c*) No.

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" May I know what is the necessity for creating a new medical college in Vellore ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" We want to have more trained women."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Are there sufficient hospitals in Vellore for training medical women ? Is there a maternity hospital there or a lunatic asylum or an ophthalmic hospital or are Government going to construct all these institutions for the education of women at Vellore ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" Government are not going to do that."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Are the Government going to pay half the cost ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" They are not going to pay half the cost."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Are they going to pay anything towards the cost at all ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" Rupees 5 lakhs."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" What is the necessity then to create this college when you have not got sufficient number of students in the college at Vizagapatam ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" Because all the students in the Presidency cannot be congregated in one place and there must be centres in suitable places."

*Proposal for abolition of Medical schools in the Presidency.*

* 81 Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state whether the Government propose to abolish some of the Medical schools in the Presidency, and if so, why ?

*A.*—The reorganization of medical education is under consideration and will be placed before the Advisory Committee and it is premature to say what steps they may suggest.

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Where is the necessity for curtailing the number of medical schools if there is need for building a new school at Vellore ? Where is the necessity for closing down some of the existing schools ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" The question is premature, because it was never said that the Government have decided to close down any schools ; but apart from that, they want to have separate schools for men and women."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" I want to know whether women are excluded from the existing colleges in Madras and Vizagapatam."